

NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Military families serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication. The National Military Family Association is the leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. We provide families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, work to get them the benefits they deserve, and offer programs that improve their lives. Over 40 years of service and accomplishments have made us a trusted resource for military families and the Nation's leaders.

Association Representatives in military communities worldwide provide a direct link between military families and the Association staff in the Nation's capital. These volunteer Representatives are our "eyes and ears," bringing shared local concerns to national attention.

The Association does not have or receive federal grants or contracts.
Our website is: **www.MilitaryFamily.org**.

Barbara Cohoon, Deputy Director, Government Relations

Dr. Cohoon was hired as Deputy Director of Government Relations for the National Military Family Association in July 2006. In that position, she monitors issues relevant to the quality of life of families of the uniformed services and represents the Association at briefings and other meetings. Dr. Cohoon currently serves on The Military Coalition's Veterans Affairs and Health Care Committees. She is a member of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel. She was appointed by the White House and served on DoD's Defense Health Board's Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Family Caregivers Panel, Health Care Delivery Subcommittee, and the TBI Subcommittee. Her activities on behalf of the Association directly contribute to sustaining the TRICARE health care benefit for military service members, retirees, their families, and survivors. Her expertise is used to provide independent advice and valuable recommendations to the Subcommittees and develop resource materials for TBI caregivers. She has also been appointed by the Alexandria City Council of Virginia to represent the city as a health care expert to the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia.

Dr. Cohoon was originally from Andover, Massachusetts. She received a Diploma of Nursing from Lowell General Hospital, and a Masters of Science in Nursing and a Doctorate in Philosophy from the College of Health and Human Services with a concentration in health policy from George Mason University. She has more than 20 years of nursing experience in both military and civilian health care facilities. She is an Adjunct Professor at Marymount University teaching health policy in their Nursing Practitioner doctoral program. She is a member of the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA), the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM), and the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau. She has been published in peer-reviewed health care journals and writes regularly for the National Military Family Association.

Dr. Cohoon has been a Navy submariner's spouse for over 30 years which included 19 moves. She has been active in military spouses' clubs, various fundraisers, the development and implementation of the first Joint Women's Conference for military spouses in Hawaii, and as a mentor for the Command Spouses Leadership Course (CSLC). She has completed both the Ombudsman and Advanced Ombudsman Training courses. She was an Executive Advisor for Fleet and Family Service Center, American Red Cross, Navy Relief Society, and Kings Bay Naval Base Medical Clinic from 2002 – 2004. She worked as a volunteer for the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) directed Task Force Navy Family for Hurricane Katrina evacuees. She is a member of the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, DC, the National Military Family Association, and a lifetime member of the Navy League. She has two sons. One is a graduate of Lynchburg College in History and the other is a graduate from Georgia Tech in Mechanical Engineering. She currently resides in Old Town Alexandria, VA where she and her husband have renovated a 120+ year old home.

